

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 1, 2002

IN RE:

**UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
TARIFF TO INTRODUCE AREA CALLING
PLAN AND BROADBAND LOOP SERVICE**

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**DOCKET NO.
02-00729**

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") the voting panel assigned in this docket, at the regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 5, 2002, for consideration of the Tariff to Introduce Area Calling Plan and Broadband Loop Service ("Tariff") filed by United Telephone Company, Inc. ("United") on July 12, 2002. The Tariff had been previously suspended for thirty (30) days at the July 23, 2002 Authority Conference.

As originally filed, the Tariff proposed the Area Calling Plan, an optional service that offered residential customers unlimited long distance calling within the Nashville LATA¹ for \$39.00 a month. Excluded from this plan were long distance calls terminating to Internet services from the \$39.00 cap, and United proposed in its Tariff to charge a separate \$0.10 per minute rate for these calls.

Subsequent to the Authority's suspension on July 23, 2002, United filed a revised Tariff to provide residential customers with the ability to make 1,000 minutes of monthly long distance calling within the Nashville LATA for \$39.00 regardless of where calls terminate, including calls to Internet

¹ The Nashville LATA consists of the following Tennessee counties: Bedford, Cannon, Cheatham, Clay, Coffee, Cumberland, Davidson, Dekalb, Dickson, Fentress, Franklin, Giles, Grundy, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Overton, Perry, Putnam, Puckett, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Warren, Wayne, Williamson, Wilson, and portions of Monroe, Scott and Vanburen.

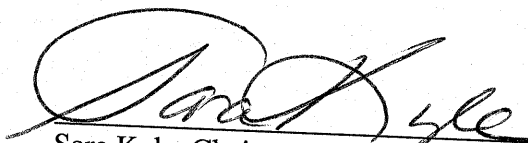
services. All long distance usage over 1,000 minutes is to be billed at \$0.10 per minute. Because the revised plan now includes long distance calls to Internet services in the monthly rate, the previous concern relative to the assessment of differing rates for like telephone calls has been addressed. Furthermore, the usage cap should help ensure that United's public telephone network does not face capacity constraints.

The revised Tariff also introduces Broadband Loop Service, a service providing customers with the ability to obtain dedicated high speed connections to United's central office. These high-speed connections are primarily used by customers to transport data between multiple locations. For example, a bank with several branch locations could use this Broadband Loop Service to transport large volumes of customer transactions from the branch locations to its central location. This dedicated broadband service provides customers with an option for a reliable and faster means for transmitting large amounts of data. Depending on the capacity purchased, the rates for this broadband connection range from \$260 to \$4,000 per month.

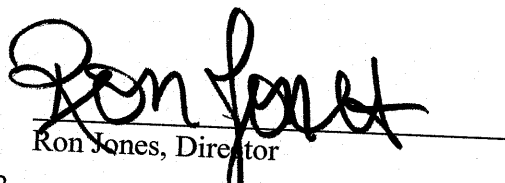
At the August 5, 2002 Authority Conference, the voting panel voted unanimously to approve this Tariff, as revised.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

United Telephone Company, Inc.'s Tariff to Introduce Area Calling Plan and Broadband Loop Service, as revised, is hereby approved.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


Deborah Taylor Tate, Director


Ron Jones, Director